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The reply filed on 1/10/2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A complete response must address all rejections and objections on the record. The reply filed 1/10/2008 fails to address the following objections or rejections from the office action mailed 9/21/2007: (1) the rejection of claims 1 – 6, 9 – 11, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second para. (2) the rejection of claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) under WO 95/03356 (3) the rejection of claim 4,904,479 over WO 95/03356 and US 4,904,79. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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